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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

For decision (E/ICEF/2016/5/Rev.1)

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at its 2015 second regular session. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments that it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

3. Report on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017 and annual report of the Executive Director, 2015: performance and results, including a report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review

For decision (E/ICEF/2016/6 and Add.1 and 2)

This is the second report to the Executive Board of UNICEF on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017. It incorporates the annual report of the Executive Director for 2015 and the report on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan. It highlights the situation of children at the start of the Sustainable Development Goals; results achieved by UNICEF and partners in the seven outcome areas of the Strategic Plan and in organizational efficiency and effectiveness; key lessons for the remaining period of the Strategic Plan; and considerations for the next strategic plan in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The report is accompanied by the revised results framework of the Strategic Plan (E/ICEF/2016/6/Add.2); an addendum on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and achievements against the Integrated Results and Resources Framework of the Strategic Plan (E/ICEF/2016/6/Add.1); a scorecard and data companion; and a paper on lessons learned in the first two years of the Strategic Plan.

The report should be considered in conjunction with the report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.2).

UNICEF focal point:
Mr. Jeffrey O'Malley
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UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit

For information (E/ICEF/2016/8)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2001/4, the report summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations that are relevant to the organization, contained in nine reports and one note issued from December 2014 through December 2015.

UNICEF focal point:
Mr. Stephen Adkisson
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4. Annual report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017

For information (E/ICEF/2016/9)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/8, the report provides an update on programmatic and institutional results, including financial resources and expenditures, based on the results matrix, indicators and performance benchmarks of the Gender Action Plan.

UNICEF focal point:
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5. Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action

For information

The Executive Board will receive an update on humanitarian action in UNICEF. The session will begin with an overview of the situation of children living in crisis and outline the UNICEF response as well as challenges and achievements.

UNICEF focal point:
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6. UNICEF programme cooperation:

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The two country programme documents listed below are presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans for each country programme are posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the documents. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are also available on the website, where applicable.

The two country programme documents will be presented by region:

Eastern and Southern Africa
South Sudan (E/ICEF/2016/P/L.9)

South Asia
Bangladesh (E/ICEF/2016/P/L.10)

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision (E/ICEF/2016/P/L.11)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Gabon, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania and Ukraine; and (ii) requested to approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso and Yemen and the two-year extensions of the country programmes for the Philippines and Senegal.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

7. Evaluation reports and management perspective and response

Annual report for 2015 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective

For decision (E/ICEF/2016/11); *for information* (UNICEF/2016/EB/5)

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested UNICEF to report annually to the Board on the evaluation function and on the findings and recommendations of evaluations. The report provides information on global developments in evaluation and the current state of the evaluation function in UNICEF, and outlines progress made in response to requests contained in Board decisions. The report is accompanied by a management perspective.

UNICEF focal point for the annual report:
Mr. Colin Kirk
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UNICEF focal point for the management perspective:
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Protecting children from violence: a comprehensive evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance, and management response

For information

The evaluation, completed in 2015, supports the efforts of UNICEF to fulfil one of its central mandates as an organization, guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, namely, to ensure protection for children, including the most disadvantaged, from all forms of violence and exploitation. The evaluation report, which contains forward-looking lessons and recommendations, is presented in accordance with Executive Board decision 2015/15 and is accompanied by a management response. Both documents are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

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8. Internal Audit and Investigations

UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2015 annual report to the Executive Board

For decision (E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.3)

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28, provides an overview of the Office, describes the key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, summarizes the organizational follow-up to the implementation of audit recommendations and provides information on the disclosure of internal audit reports during 2015, in accordance with decision 2012/13. The report also includes an overall opinion, based on the scope of internal audit work undertaken by the Office, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's framework of governance, risk management and control, in accordance with decision 2015/11.

UNICEF focal point:
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Management response to the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2015 annual report to the Executive Board

For information (E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.4)

The management response takes into account requests made by the Executive Board in its decisions 2010/17, 2011/21, 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2015/11.

UNICEF focal point:
Mr. Stephen Adkisson
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UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2015 annual report

For information

The annual report of this independent external oversight body is presented to the Executive Board for information.

UNICEF focal point:
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9. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2015

For information (E/ICEF/2016/10)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2010/18, the annual report on the activities of the Ethics Office is submitted to the Board at its annual session.

UNICEF focal point:
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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

10. Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017

For decision (E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.2/Rev.1)

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2013/20, the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017 has been prepared in conjunction with the midterm review of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2014-2017.

The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2016/AB/L.5) is available to the Executive Board for information.

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

11. Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

The Chairperson of the Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

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12. Reports on the field visits of the Executive Board

For information (UNICEF/2016/EB/6 and UNICEF/2016/EB/7)

The following two reports will be presented: (a) report on the field visit of the Executive Board to Côte d'Ivoire, from 4 to 8 April 2016; and (b) report on the field visit of Members of the Bureau of the Executive Board to Argentina, from 11 to 15 April 2016.

13. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its second regular session of 2016 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

14. Adoption of draft decisions

15. UNICEF Staff Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

Following the announcement of the 2016 Staff Awards, the Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2016 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board 14-16 June 2016[1]

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	1:15-2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 3 (*cont'd*)	Report on the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017 and annual report of the Executive Director, 2015: performance and results, including a report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review
			UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 15 June	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 10	Report on the midterm review of the UNICEF integrated budget, 2014-2017
		Item 7	Evaluation reports and management perspective and response
			Annual report for 2015 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective
			Protecting children from violence: a comprehensive evaluation of UNICEF strategies and programme performance, and management response
		Item 8	Internal Audit and Investigations
			UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2015 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response
			UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2015 annual report
	1:15-2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 6	UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents (b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

[1] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

	5:00-6:00	Item 9	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2015 *Informal consultations*
Thursday 16 June	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 5 Item 4 Item 12	Oral update on UNICEF humanitarian action Annual report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017 Reports on the field visits of the Executive Board
	1:15-2:45		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 11 Item 13 Item 14 Item 15	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association Other matters Adoption of draft decisions UNICEF Staff Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board